

**President Taft and the Tariff.**  
The people now know where Mr. Taft stands on the tariff. He has finally spoken out and there is no reason now for anyone to question his position.  
He simply represents the eastern manufacturers and the "systems" that control things so far as legislation on the tariff goes. There are no half-way grounds in regard to what he is for; he is for a high tariff for the benefit of the east at the expense of the west.  
The republican party has again deceived the people of the country; there is nothing else in this provision of the tariff as the bill was passed and is now a law. The party promised in its platform a revision downward; the republican press and spellbinders, last fall, told the people that a revision was to be made downward; that the country needed a revision and should have it, and upon these promises Mr. Taft was elected. The result is now known—the revision has been made and the laboring and poorer classes have been hit the hardest blows by legislation they ever received. Living expenses have been increased to the limit and the necessities of life have gone up materially since the law took effect.  
Years and years ago the people were told that the only reason on that a tariff was necessary was to protect infant industries. It even became necessary to have the Hon. Thos. B. Reed, then the speaker of the house of representatives, to come clear from Maine to Wichita, this state, and tell the people in a three-hour labored effort that the sole and only object of a high protective tariff, was to protect those American industries that the democratic party was laboring to destroy by a free trade policy. That speech was published in every republican paper in Kansas, and run in all supplement form and folded in all the republican machine weekly organs of this state and Missouri. Now Mr. Taft does not mention those infant industries but says that the present tariff law is the best the country has ever had and will raise a revenue adequate to run the government on.  
If it was necessary in the first place, to protect the infant industries, why is it not necessary now? And on the other hand if

tariff is necessary now to raise a revenue to run the government on, why was it not then?  
Any man of sense, who is honest, knows that tariff is a tax. If it isn't, why does Mr. Taft say that the present tariff measure will provide enough money to pay the running expenses of the government?  
The high protectionists tell us that their policy will keep the wages of the laborer high. The fact is that it keeps the price of all manufactured articles, which the laboring men have to eat and the clothing they have to wear, higher, while there is not one provision in the tariff law to prevent the protected manufacturers from employing their laborers in the free trade labor markets of the world, and they are doing so today and have for the past twenty-five years.  
The present tariff law will necessitate the average family paying a tribute approximately of \$100 a year to the protected trusts of this country. This is about one-fifth of the earnings or the average total salary of a laboring man. Out of this \$100 of the government will get about \$30, and the balance goes into the pockets of those infant industries you have heard of for the past fifty years.  
This is all there is in the tariff question, and Mr. Taft and every other citizen who has investigated the matter knows this to be true. There are some lunk-headed fellows that are still trying to make the people believe that the tariff is a great question and hard to understand, but such is not the case, and before the present tariff law is a year old the people will understand that it is a tax and a burden.  
The people of the country do not endorse Mr. Taft in his stand on the tariff, and if the democrats put up a man for president whom the people have confidence in the republicans will find that they cannot fool the voters any longer on this question.—L. D.

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